

REMARKS

In the June 23, 2006 Office Communication, the application is restricted between three groups including Group I, claims 1-22 and 24-26, Group II, including claims 23 and 27-38, and Group III, including claims 39-50.

In response, Applicants elect Group III, claims 39-50 with traverse. Additionally, claims 42, 43, 47 and 50 are amended, claim 46 and 49 are cancelled, and new claims 51-64 are added. That leaves claims 1-45 and 47-64 pending in this application with claims 1-38 being withdrawn, and claims 39, 44 and 48 being independent.

Dependent claims 43, 47 and 50 are each amended to include an additional range of the durometer of the elastic material. Newly added claims 51-64 depend from one of independent claims 39, 44 or 48.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for examination. Prompt and favorable treatment is solicited.

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